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NEW TIMBERLINE TRAILHEAD IS OPEN

by: Michael Black, City Planning and Development Director

In December of 2008, a plan was adopted by Cottonwood Heights to acquire 5.18 acres of property at 7721 South Timberline Drive and 7755 South Wasatch Blvd. to construct a public access trailhead. After more than a year of planning and a few months of construction, the City is proud to announce that the trailhead accessing Ferguson Canyon, at 7721 South Timberline Drive, has been constructed and is being used by the public.

Ferguson Canyon has been accessed historically by a utility road leading to a culinary water tank at the base of the canyon. Parking for the canyon in previous years has been limited to on-street parking on Timberline Drive, which is intersected by the water tank

service road. Today, with the expansion of the trailhead, the City is able to provide 17 off-street parking stalls to accommodate the



Dedication of the Timberline Trailhead will be held on **Saturday, September 26th, at 10 a.m.** at the site (7721 S.Timberline Drive). **PLEASE WALK OR CAR-POOL TO THIS EVENT.**

patrons of the Ferguson Canyon Trail. The City has also provided an overflow parking area at 7722 South Prospector Drive (about one-quarter mile from the trailhead) that will accommodate 15 additional cars. The Prospector Drive overflow lot is temporary

and will be replaced in the future with an expanded trailhead accommodating additional cars. Another change in parking around the trailhead will be the initiation of new parking restrictions for Timberline Drive and surrounding streets, limiting parking on the street to residents with valid permits.

The acquisition of the property at 7721 South Timberline made it possible for the City to provide adequate off-street parking, and to construct a unique mountainside facility that is not duplicated anywhere else in the County, or along the future Bonneville Shoreline Trail. This facility not only functions as a trailhead, but also serves as an outdoor classroom for learning about our natural environment in an exceptional setting. The trailhead has been designed and built as an

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Mayor's Article

Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr.

CREATING CANYONS DISTRICT DID NOT CAUSE THE JORDAN DISTRICT TAX INCREASE!

In a recent television interview, a high profile legislator characterized the creation of the Canyons District as a money grab by Canyons residents and community leaders who did not care about kids. I know this elected official and he is not a man prone to general criticisms or finger pointing. Rather, I believe his comment is indicative that even high ranking public officials are caught up in the unfounded accusations and rhetoric that the creation of Canyons District is the cause of the large tax increase proposed by the Jordan District.

So, for the record, the creation of the Canyons District did not cause the tax increase in the Jordan District! The facts that support that statement

come from the budget data published by the residual Jordan District. Their documents openly state that the tax increase is needed because of four factors: State funding shortfalls - \$15M; district split - \$8M; lower assessed property valuations - \$5M; and increased costs of operations - \$5M. These factors amount to a \$33M shortfall in their General Fund of which the creation of the Canyons district is \$8M or less than 25%. The other three reasons would have occurred with or without the creation of the new district.

But this does not tell the entire story. Jordan has a Capital Projects Fund in addition to their General Fund. The Jordan District budget documents

estimate the creation of the Canyons District resulted in a \$9M shortfall in this fund due to lower assessed property values per student. However, the equalization funds, legislatively mandated as part of the creation of the Canyons District, contribute an additional \$12M to the Jordan District Capital Projects Fund, resulting in a net funding increase of \$3M. The \$3M **increase** in the Capital Projects Fund combined with the \$8M **decrease** in the General Fund results in a net overall decrease in Jordan District revenues of \$5M due to the creation of the Canyons District. The \$5M is only 17% of the net \$30M funding shortfall the Jordan District asserts is prompting the tax increase.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Some of the public works projects discussed in previous issues of the NEWS JOURNAL are continuing into the Fall, and traffic will be disrupted in some areas. Projects still being pursued include:

1. The Salt Lake City Water Department is finishing the water line upgrade on Creek Road, between Deer Creek Road and Oak Creek Drive. Traffic is slowed along this stretch of Creek Road.
2. The sidewalk project on 2300 East, between Ellisonwood Ave. and 6710 South, is on schedule for completion in September. Traffic interference should be minimal when some of the larger machinery is active.
3. The bid has been let for construction of the second phase of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail, between 3000 East and the Old Mill. That project will start soon and likely run into October. Its impact on traffic will be minimal as most of the trail is around the pond and along the Big Cottonwood Creek, away from the road.
4. UDOT is involved in a project on Wasatch Blvd., between Fort Union Blvd. and the 3500 East/Wasatch Blvd. intersection. This is a pavement-widening project that will accommodate new bike paths on both sides of Wasatch. Those traveling Wasatch will experience slow downs, especially as they work around the hill that protrudes into the road at about 7150 South, near the Prospector turn-off. Highland Drive has more traffic but may be preferable during parts of this construction.



CHPD HIRES VICTIM ADVOCATE

CHPD Chief Robby Russo has announced the employment of a new Victim Advocate, Jennifer Posteraro. Ms. Posteraro will work in the Investigations Division under Sgt. Dave Broadhead. She began her employment the middle of August and already has a significant case load with which she is working.

Jennifer received her BS Degree in Management from the State University of New York at Binghamton, and began her professional career in public relations working for a Triple A baseball team. She next became an education assistant for The Crime Victims Assistance Center in NY. While there, she gave presentations to the community on child abuse, domestic violence, and rape. She earned her NYS Rape Crisis Counselor Certification and began her work as a victim advocate serving the community 24 hours a day by assisting crime victims and their families in crisis. After a short time, Ms. Posteraro took over the education department and extended her duties to include running a volunteer program and training all new staff and volunteers. She also became a member of the Broome County Sexual Assault Response Team and the Broome County Family Violence Prevention Councils Education Committee, where she developed a brochure on steps to prevent child abuse. Her brochure is used throughout Broome County.



Jennifer moved west, first to Wyoming and then to Colorado, before coming to Cottonwood Heights. In Colorado, she worked as a victim advocate for MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

Jennifer called her decision to come to Cottonwood Heights “...an opportunity I could not pass up. Cottonwood Heights is a beautiful city with kind people, it’s the type of place you dream about living in and I not only get to live here I work here too.”

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“outdoor classroom.” The small amphitheater structure is distinctive because its location on the site is high enough for students to see over the nearby residences and have a clear view of the valley. This view is significant for its majesty and its value for teaching about the role that mountain streams and earthquake faults have played in the formation of the Salt Lake Basin over millions of years.

Access to this classroom is gained by a short walk up a paved switchback trail that is accessible to people of every ability level. Along the trail are learning kiosks for self-taught lessons about the surrounding natural environment; one may also find history about Bonneville Lake and the role that the upper bench has played in the social and economic history of the valley. At the trailhead, the City has also provided benches, garbage cans, and drinking fountains for humans and canines alike. The City has also provided stations at the base of the trail for collecting and disposing of dog waste bags.

The trailhead is intended to be functional, aesthetic, and user friendly. Trees have been planted on-site along with some light

vegetation around the periphery. The bulk of the landscaping at the trailhead is intended to be natural. To that end, seeds have been spread that are mixed with wild flowers, wild grasses and other vegetation ubiquitous to the foothills and which require very little water.

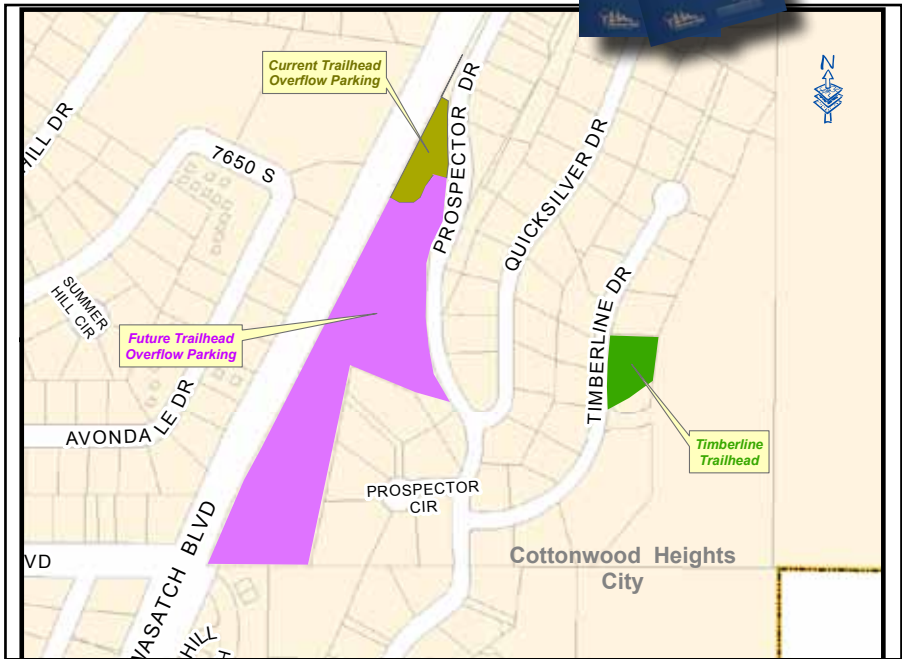
Ferguson Canyon can be a challenging hike at some points and has been identified as a desirable activity site by rock climbers, dog walkers, and recreational hikers. It is important to remember, however, that there are certain restrictions at the trailhead and canyon that have been in place for years to protect the public and make the canyon more accessible. Historic restrictions include the closure of the canyon from dusk until dawn and keeping dogs on leash at all times. A common misconception regarding the trail is that it is an “off-leash” dog walking area. This has never been the case. It has always been designated on-leash and the City has not changed that regulation for the trail. It is anticipated the community will join City officials in their excitement over the trail and the new trailhead, which will provide greater, and more convenient accessibility to Ferguson Canyon. Dog owners will

hopefully respect others by keeping their dogs on-leash at all times and by picking up their dog’s waste and disposing of it at the trailhead receptacles.

It is hoped that all will find the trailhead to be accessible and will be pleased with the possibilities the facility has for education and universal access for people of all ability levels. For clarification, the trailhead and outdoor classroom are ADA accessible; the trail to Ferguson Canyon is not. ADA

accessible parking stalls are provided at the trailhead.

Those wanting additional information on the Timberline Trailhead or the regulations that apply to it, as well as the other City parks and facilities, please contact Michael Black, City Planning Director, at 801-944-7066.



Chief's CORNER



Chief Robby Russo

Now that school has started and bright young minds are asking questions, certain myths about drug legislation are emerging. Parents are finding their children want to debate topics related to drugs and alcohol, using street philosopher's canned arguments. I recently read DEA Director Thomas J. Gorman's paper on the topic and think it's right on point. I'll share some paraphrased excerpts with you. Those who argue for legalization of drugs attempt to support their position with faulty analogies, misrepresentations, and unsupported theories:

MYTH: Drug use is a victimless crime.
FACT: There are actually four classes of drug use victims: 1) the users, 2) the family and friends of the users, 3) the individuals who are victimized by the acts of the users, and 4) the tax payers who are paying for damage, rehab costs, and law enforcement. Tell these people, the ones having firsthand experience with drug abusers, that they are not victims. Tell the mother and father whose child was killed by a drugged driver that they are not victims. Tell the husband whose wife was raped by someone loaded on cocaine that they are not victims. Tell the sister whose brother was brutally beaten by a meth addict that they are not victims.
MYTH: Alcohol and illicit drugs are just alike; it is hypocritical for society to allow alcohol use while outlawing other drugs.
FACT: There is a major difference between alcohol and illicit drugs. Most people use alcohol as a beverage and don't drink to become intoxicated; whereas, with drugs, intoxication is the sole purpose. That is why marijuana

smokers seek the higher THC content in marijuana and why oxy-contin is so popular among prescription users. A more factual analogy would be to compare drug use with drunkenness. However, alcohol is hardly the model to use to justify legalizing illicit drugs. Alcohol kills five times more people; the medical costs are triple; and economic costs are double those for all illicit drugs combined. The paradox is: while society is strengthening and demanding stricter enforcement of alcohol laws, there are those who want to decriminalize and even abolish drug laws.
MYTH: Some argue that decriminalizing drug use will reduce crime and free prison space for more serious offenders.
FACT: Removal of laws would reduce incidents for those specific violations, but the behavior would not change. For example, lowering the age of consent to 12 would reduce the number of child molestation crimes, but it would not change the fact that predators are molesting children ages 12-18. The advocates fail to recognize what

drug experts are well aware of: a high percentage of drug dealers were criminals first. Ninety-three percent of all state prison inmates are violent and/or repeat offenders. Only 1.4 percent are first time "non-violent" drug offenders. Keep in mind that "non-violent" only describes the act for which individuals are incarcerated and not their past history or previous behavior. If an organized crime "hit-man" were convicted of tax evasion, then he would be considered a non-violent inmate.
Next time your teenager(s) want to argue "...the Lord put marijuana on the earth as a natural herb," refer to this article or contact CHPD for facts — not myths.

"There is a major difference between alcohol and illicit drugs."

Saturday, September 19th
Bark in the Park
11am to 2pm - Mill Hollow Park
2800 E. Hollow Mill Dr. (6750 S.)

This is an ALERT to "dog-people" that the City's biennial Bark in the Park activity is scheduled from 11 am to 2 pm on Saturday, September 19 in Mill Hollow Park (2900 Hollow Mill Road).
And a request that all participants bring cans, boxes, or bags of pet food to donate to the UTAH FOOD BANK for distribution to pet owners who are struggling to feed their pets..

The festivities will include a pet parade, races, a look-alike contest (dogs and owners), and K-9 demonstrations by CHPD and Rocky Mountain Search and Rescue. There will also be various pet service vendors displaying their wares.

(This shouldn't need to be said, but be sure to make plans to keep dogs on a leash. A park full of un-leashed dogs could be catastrophic.)

In addition to all the fun, there is a serious side to this year's event (mentioned above). The down economy is hitting just about everyone. In fact, it's been suggested, that some dog owners have had to choose between feeding their children and feeding their dogs. Because of this, a lot of dogs are ending up at the shelter.

A Cottonwood Heights Girl Scout Troop will be conducting a Pet Food Drive at Bark in the Park this year. All participants have an opportunity to bring cans, boxes or bags of pet food that can be donated to the Utah Food Bank for distribution. The food bank will parcel it out, along with human food, to those needing such assistance and who want to keep their pets in the family. Please bring pet food that can be donated to those who are struggling.



DO YOU KNOW
THESE PEOPLE...



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HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE!!

Organizing and implementing the Cottonwood Heights' Neighborhood Watch Program is progressing well. Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD) distributed a notice in May informing residents of CHPD's interest in helping to organize a Neighborhood Watch program and in being a resource to the neighborhoods. Approximately 30 people attended the first meeting and a general operational format was adopted. It was discussed that CHPD will participate in the program as a resource but that the neighborhoods own their own programs. During the organizing meeting, many residents stepped forward and volunteered to help with the program at various levels of involvement.

Since the first meeting, and with the help of CHPD, the Neighborhood Watch volunteers have been on the move. To date they have divided the city into three areas: West, Central, and East.

The West Area extends from the west border (approximately 1000 East) to Highland Drive (2000 East). The Central Area extends from Highland Drive to 2700 East and the East Area includes the neighborhoods between 2700 East and the mountains. Each area has two Coordinators who have participated in three training sessions. Some areas have also had block captain training.

As the program has been getting off the ground, additional groups have been identified and organized as possible participants. Neighborhood Watch is attempting to reach any and all existing groups so that an exchange of resources can be discussed.

One question that keeps surfacing is: "Do Neighborhood Watch volunteers patrol?" The answer is ABSOLUTLEY NOT. Our slogan is "We See! We Hear! We Call!" **We are an observing organization.** Our job is to be the eyes and ears for the CHPD and call dispatch at 801-840-4000 to report suspicious



activity. Cottonwood Heights and the Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Watch do not authorize nor approve of any Neighborhood Watch patrolling.

Interested groups or individuals and those desiring additional information should call Sheila Jennings at 801-944-7032 or go online at: www.CHNeighborhoodWatch.com. At that site, one can contact the neighborhood watch area leaders, link to crime reports, read articles, and view training presentations.



UFA – September Safety Message

School starting brings new beginnings for students and an air of excitement for everyone. Unfortunately, with more children on the road each day, it also brings a rise in injuries from pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, and motor vehicle crashes. The responsibility is on drivers to be more aware and keep in mind:

- Children are small. It's difficult for them to see motorists and for motorists to see them. This is especially true around obstacles like parked or moving cars, buses, and bushes.
- Children have underdeveloped peripheral vision; so, a child won't see a motorist approaching from right or left as soon as an adult will.
- Children have difficulty judging a car's speed and distance, leading them to misjudge how far away a moving car really is.
- Children often think if they can see the driver the driver can see them. NOT TRUE!
- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children playing in the driveway or walking or bicycling behind the vehicle.
- Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Also watch for children playing and when approaching bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
- Drivers need to look for pedestrians as well as cars when turning left on a green light or making a right turn on red. Pedestrians have the right-of-way in those situations.



Assist Chief Mike Watson

PLANNING COMMISSION TO DISCUSS ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

Accessory Apartments are typically defined as a second dwelling unit in an owner occupied single-family home. While they are ubiquitous throughout the city, there has never been an ordinance in place with the County or the City formally allowing or regulating them. The Planning Commission and City Council are considering a new proposed ordinance that would make them permissible in both R-1 and R-2 zones in Cottonwood Heights under certain conditions. This proposed new ordinance, states that Accessory Apartments shall only be allowed in owner-occupied single-family dwellings. They can be created: over a garage attached to the main dwelling unit, inside the home through an internal conversion of the housing unit, by an addition to the house, or next to or over garages and accessory buildings that are substantially attached to the main dwelling unit by covered walkways, breezeways, and covered porches. There are also some limitations on such apartments to ensure occupant safety and specific requirements for construction.

The Planning Commission is considering recommending an ordinance to the City Council that will establish specific regulations and requirements on existing apartments and a permit process for new ones in eligible locations. Public comment is requested by the Planning Commission at an October 1 commission meeting to be held in the City Council Chambers at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #300, beginning at 7:00 PM.

This discussion is preliminary in nature as the proposed ordinance is yet to be finalized. Citizen input will provide direction to the Planning Commission and the City Council regarding this issue. The proposed ordinance is on the City website at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov under the planning link.



The Jordan District budget also projects a \$95M unrestricted fund balance in their General Fund by the end of the school year and an \$84M unrestricted fund balance in their Capital Projects Fund by the end of the year. The \$11M added to that fund balance comes from a budgeted surplus which is almost equal to the \$12M in equalization funding being provided them.

The assertion that the Jordan District tax increase was attributable to the creation of the Canyons District is not supported by even the District’s own budget documents. The main reasons for the proposed increase were legislative cuts that were imposed on all school districts, lower than expected assessed valuations due to the down economy, and higher operating costs. All are issues with which every other school district is coping this year – most without imposing a tax increase. Respectfully, the responsibility for the Jordan District proposed tax increase lies squarely with their board and administration. Attempts to deflect that responsibility onto the division of the district are transparent, especially to those who showed up to protest the proposed increase.

Opponents of the process by which Canyons District was created, along with many media editorials, have taken the legislature to task for enacting laws permitting the creation of a new school district. The critics point to the financial impacts and an unclear process for dividing assets as the underlying basis for their criticism.

As noted earlier in this article, the financial impacts on the Jordan District are sufficiently small that they could have been absorbed without a tax increase. However, other SL County districts, including Canyons, are asked to pay \$12M in equalization funds to support the growth in the Jordan District. Critics complain about the inequity of asking other districts to share in the financial burden of the growth of the Jordan District while chastising proponents of creating the Canyons District for allegedly being motivated by the same inequity.

Canyons District patrons will not only pay almost \$4M in equalization funds to Jordan District each year, but we will also pay \$160M, 57% of outstanding indebtedness, over the next 15 years. These bond proceeds were used almost exclusively for constructing new schools in the residual Jordan District. With Canyons patrons continuing to provide such support, allegations of being money-grabbers is unfounded at best, and uninformed at worst.

Creating Canyons taught us many things about the process that can be improved. But these are tune-up type changes, not a massive overhaul. Even the critics admit that smaller districts are more responsive and are probably a good idea. Granted, change is hard and it does have a cost. But don’t believe for a minute that the creation of the Canyons District is responsible for the tax increases imposed by the Jordan District on their constituents

CITY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The September meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, September 1st**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 8th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 15th**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, September 22nd**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)
7 p.m. Business Meeting

COUNCIL MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009. The City Council and Sr. staff will meet with the Youth City Council that night.

“SIGN UP FOR CERT”

Cottonwood Heights and Unified Fire Authority have announced they are co-sponsoring two, seven-week CERT Training courses during September and October. One course begins on Tuesday, September 8, and is held each Tuesday at the same time and place, through Tuesday, October 20. It will be held at the Brighton LDS Stake Center at 2985 East Creek Road. Each session begins at 10:00 AM and runs until 1:00 PM.

The second class begins on Thursday, September 10, starting at 6:30 PM and running until 9:30 PM. It also is a seven-week course that will meet at the LDS chapel at 23rd East and Bengal Blvd., (west of the skate park), on September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 8, 15, and 22.

All training classes are taught by Unified Fire Authority personnel. Topics include: Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Skills, Emergency Organizational Skills, Light Search and Rescue

Procedures, and Disaster Awareness.

Participants must pre-register by calling 801-743-7150 or going on-line at www.unifiedfire.org to sign up. The cost is \$30, which pays for a helmet, vest, first aid gear, and a textbook.

Those who are CERT trained are prepared to help their family and neighbors in the event of an emergency caused by severe snow storms, power outages, or earthquakes; two of which could very well occur sometime during the next four to six months; and all of which are definite possibilities in Cottonwood Heights. CERT trainees are prepared to effectively “fill the gap” between the on-set of an emergency situation and the time the emergency responders can get around to each neighborhood.



BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Bicyclists are plentiful most of the year in Cottonwood Heights. Many “real” riders are going to or from the Cottonwood Canyons on Bengal or Wasatch. Those routes naturally result in more cyclists in the heavier traffic areas of our city (Highland Drive and Fort Union intersection, for example). Any place where the cyclist’s route intersects with heavy traffic routes is especially dangerous. These locations where bicycles, motorized vehicles, and, on occasion, pedestrians converge present numerous possibilities for accidents. The Cottonwood Heights’ Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) offers the following tip for bicycle safety:

- **The problem:** Easily avoidable, yet common, collisions occur when a bicyclist finds traffic so heavy that he/she is the fastest thing on the road and is routinely passing vehicles on their right. If the vehicle makes an unexpected right turn into a parking spot, a driveway, or a side street, the bicyclist is caught between the vehicle and its destination. COLLISION!
- **How to avoid this collision:** Bicyclists should avoid passing on the right, if at all possible. Also, be constantly aware of what’s behind them and be sure to not ride in the motorist’s blind spot.





September 2009



Old Mill Committee is Model for Success

One of the first challenges to confront the new Cottonwood Heights City Council, shortly following incorporation in 2005, was the on-going dispute between the "gravel pit" companies and the residents of the Old Mill area. Residents of the Old Mill subdivision felt they were being inundated by pollution (noise, spilled gravel, unclean air, etc.) resulting from the industrial work going on at the plants in the gravel pit. The gravel pit industries argued that they had located there many years before any subdivisions were constructed in the Old Mill area. The new residents should have known that noise and dust were possibilities.

After having little success resolving citizen complaints, the City decided to attempt to form a committee that would bring the two parties face-to-face to air grievances and seek solutions. During the nearly five years since the committee was formed, major accomplishments have been realized as a result of each group recognizing the other's concerns and joint efforts being made to minimize potential conflicts. Both groups recognized that neighbors need to be cognizant of each others needs and try to get along, inasmuch as they exist so near one another.

The City thanks the two primary leaders of the Old Mill residents group, Jackie Hibbert and Judy Kilgore. These two women have been instrumental in bringing open and frank discussion topics to the committee. Through their efforts, compromises have been struck and additional problems have been mitigated.

A big thanks also to the gravel pit industries who have been working to improve track-out (spillage of trucked products) on Wasatch Boulevard and the air emissions which affect the quality of life in Old Mill, Cottonwood Heights, and all of the Salt Lake Valley.

At an August 20 committee meeting, the following accomplishments and community improvements were reported:

- Morgan Asphalt has begun landscaping the entrance to its facility by covering some of the concrete debris and seeding the area.
- Morgan has installed a new tire wash.
- Bingelli is making plans to move their old conveyors to a different site.
- Granite Construction installed another "baghouse" which is used like an air vacuum to diminish the dust. This one is on the recycle plant.
- Walker Development is working to move a billboard to the east side of Wasatch so a landscaping berm can be installed where

the billboard is now located on the west side. This will be done after the UDOT conduit is installed

- Walker Development reports that phase I of Holladay Gun Club cleanup (the rifle and pistol ranges) is complete. This is under the direction of the State environmental inspectors who ensure that the soil is treated to water quality standards. There will eventually be disposal of hundreds of truckloads of soil.

Thanks also to Granite Construction for hosting another open house (300 attended) and being a major sponsor of community events: Butlerville Days, Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center Tennis Tournament, and three Movies in the Park. They also recently applied a new product, a warm mix asphalt overlay, to a road at 7050 South and 1700 East which had not been previously paved.

As indicated, the Old Mill Committee has been meeting since the city's inception to open communication and find solutions to challenges presented when neighbors find they have conflicting interests. Industry, citizens, and the City believe the time spent in discussion has brought about positive changes that benefit the entire community. This is an excellent model for any neighborhood where conflicts arise.



Two Veteran Police Officers Hired by CHPD



Jeremy Lamph is a new member of CHPD who will begin his career in Cottonwood Heights working the night shift, under Sgt. Scott Peck. Jeremy comes to CHPD from the Salt Lake City Police Department where he was a member of the Narcotics Unit. Prior to that, he was with the Carbon County Sheriff's Office and served on the SWAT team, in addition to other assignments.



Jeremy is a native of Utah, born and raised in Helper. He moved to Salt Lake City in 2006 to work for the Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole. He is also a SCUBA diver for search and rescue.

Officer Lamph stated, "I am more than excited to be a part of the Cottonwood Heights Team. I have worked with a lot of police agencies in my career and this is by far the most elite department I have seen."

Kenneth Dailey, a 23-year veteran police officer, has joined CHPD as a patrol officer. He was most recently with the Salt Lake City Police Department from which he retired after service as a Patrol Officer; Motorcycle Officer; Narcotics, Domestic Violence, and Homicide Detective; High School Resource Officer; and K9 Officer.



Officer Dailey is a fourth-generation public safety officer, with his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather all being either firefighters or police officers.

He stated about his opportunity to work for Cottonwood Heights: "I'm excited and looking forward to being a Police Officer with CHPD and serving the citizens of Cottonwood Heights."



Cottonwood Heights is holding a Primary Election on September 15, 2009, and a General Election on November 3, 2009. The end result of these two municipal elections will be a mayor and two council members who are either newly elected or re-elected. As of the end of August, when this article is being written, there is one mayoral candidate, two candidates for district #4 council seat, and three candidates for the council seat in district #3. The candidates who have filed to run for the various seats are:

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MAYOR:

Kelvyn H. Cullimore, Jr. (i)

COUNCIL DISTRICT 3:

Don Antczak (i)
Gordon W. Nicholl
Nicole Omer

COUNCIL DISTRICT 4:

Bruce Jones (i)
Tee Tyler

PRIMARY ELECTION IS SET FOR COUNCIL DISTRICT #3

The only candidates listed who will participate in the September 15 Primary Election are the three running for council district #3; only District #3 residents will be voting in that election. District #3 is essentially the northeast quarter of the City. Its boundaries are the Holladay City line on the north, Highland Drive on the west, Wasatch Blvd. to the east and Fort Union Blvd. on the south. Added to that district is the area from Fort Union south to Bengal Blvd., between Highland Drive and 2300 East, and Fort Union south to Cavalier Dr.(approximately 7300 South), between 2300 East and 2700 East (see council district maps at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).

Voting locations have been consolidated to four for the eleven precincts eligible to vote in the Primary Election. For those who don't know their voting precinct number, it can be found by going to the council district map on the city's website or by calling the county clerk's office at 801-468-3427. Voting locations are as follows:

Precincts: 4900, 4909, 4010 vote at the Royal Farms Apartments Clubhouse (2102 E. Royal Farms Dr.).

Precincts: 4930, 4932, 4934 vote at Whitmore Library (2197 E. Fort Union Blvd.).

Precincts: 4913 and 4915 vote at Cottonwood Heights Rec. Center (7500 S. 2700 E.).

Precincts: 4904, 4912, 4914 vote at the Residence Inn by Marriott (6425 S. 3000 E.).

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It is also possible to vote early by going to the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office - 2001 S. State Street, #S1100, weekdays from 8 to 5, between August 17 and September 11, 2009; or by going to the Cottonwood Heights City Offices - 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #250, weekdays from 9 to 5, between September 1 and September 11, 2009.

All voters, Primary and General, should be aware that there are new voting



requirements for 2009. Voters must present identification (ID) at the polls before voting. The ID must be current and show a name and photograph of the voter (Driver's License, Utah Identification Card, U.S. Passport). If one doesn't have an ID, they can provide two (2) different documents that show their name and current address and be able to vote. Additional information on these and other Municipal Election requirements are available at: www.clerk.slco.org/elections/2009.

It is now possible to register on-line to vote in the next election. By going to the clerk's website: www.clerk.slco.org, one can access the registration page and follow instructions there.

Brief biographies on the three district #3 candidates are accessible on the City's website or in the August edition of the NEWS JOURNAL.

Do You Know...?

Another month and some more facts about what the residents of the City think of how the City is being managed, how tax money is being spent, and whether Cottonwood Heights is a good place to live and raise a family. Last month the "Do You Know...?" questions dealt with emergency planning, garbage and recycling services, and whether the police exude professionalism. The information reported is from a recent Dan Jones Survey that was conducted to provide information to the council and staff about the residents' perceptions of what the city looks like after nearly five years as an incorporated municipality. Additional facts are presented for your consideration this month:

- Before discussing survey findings, a note about last month's discussion of emergency preparedness. Elsewhere in this Valley Journal, that's the main paper, not the City section, there is an article about the City being awarded the first ever FEMA Award for collaborating in planning an effective communication system. This is a significant honor to our City volunteers and employees for their dedication to getting our emergency preparedness communication system off the ground. The City competed against San Francisco, a county in Florida and a county in Pennsylvania to win this award. CONGRATULATIONS TO COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS.
- Most of those surveyed were satisfied or very satisfied (94%) with the general appearance of Cottonwood Heights. While the staff and residents of the City are to be complimented for their diligence in keeping our City clean and attractive, it's very easy to let down. Let's not let that happen.
- The City sponsors or co-sponsors five or six events annually. The best known of these events is Butlerville Days, held on July 24th each year. Only 25% of those surveyed were not aware

of Butlerville Days. Unfortunately, although roughly one-half of those surveyed were aware of each event, that means about 50% are not aware of things like the Easter Egg Hunts, Movies in the Park, Relay-for-Life, the Safety Fair, and Bark in the Park. The City is open to suggestions that will increase the participation in city-sponsored events. THEY'RE FUN.

- About two-thirds of the city's residents know how to inform the City on issues they deem important. For the roughly one-third who do not know how to provide information to the City, there is a simple process on the City's webpage: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov. Take a minute right now and I'll walk you through it.
 1. Bring up the home page using the website address above.
 2. Look down the menu to the third item "E Better Place" and left click on that link.
 3. You are now on a page that has two choices: 1) Enter a new request or 2) Check status of existing request. If you are trying to notify the City of a concern, left click on the Enter a new request button and follow the instructions. If you are following up on a previously submitted concern, left click on the Check status of existing request and follow the instructions.

While you are on the website home page, also check the box in the upper right hand corner. It says NOTIFICATIONS. By inserting your email address in that box and clicking on sign-up, you will start receiving copies of agenda, notices of activities, etc. to keep you informed of what is happening in the City. TRY IT, YOU'LL LIKE IT!

More facts next month.

Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center (CHRC)

Cottonwood Heights City Presents the 3rd Annual Adult Classic Tennis Tournament

Sept. 21 - 29, 2009
(No Sunday play)

Register by Sept. 11 online at
utahtennis.com, ID # 25770649.

Join CHRC Now: Exercise the Whole Family

seven pools
a full indoor basketball court
splash zones with water playgrounds
a spacious indoor track
six racquetball courts
outdoor platform diving
outdoor water slides
racing pools

indoor dry sauna
over 80 fitness classes per week
year-round Olympic size ice arena
weight & cardio rooms
tennis courts
indoor jacuzzi
diving tanks
fitness rooms

Community Flu Shot Clinic Oct. 1, 4pm - 7pm

Come get your seasonal flu shot at CHRC. You may sign up in advance by calling 801.943.3190 x. 0. A flu shot is \$25 and a Flu Mist is \$30. See you there!

Public Skating

Ice Skating

Fall schedule begins Sept. 8.

Tues./Wed./Fri./Sat.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Fri./Sat./Sun

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Drop in Hockey

Fall schedule begins Sept. 12.

Sat.

4:15pm - 5:15pm

(all ages)

5:30pm - 6:45pm

(adults only)



Water Aerobics

Did you know we offer more than 25 classes a week? We have a class that is just right for you. Come join us in the pool for a fabulous workout!

Fall Pre-Comp

Try-outs are held the first day of the session at 4:00pm.

Session 1

Sept. 8 - 30

*Sign-ups begin Aug. 12

Session 2

Oct. 5 - 29

*Sign-ups begin Sept. 16

Fall Swimming Lessons

Mon./Wed./Fri.

11:00am or 11:30am
and 6:00pm or 6:30pm

Session 1

Sept. 14 - 25

*Sign-ups begin Aug. 12

Session 2

Sept. 28 - Oct. 9

*Sign-ups begin Sept. 23

Session 3

Oct. 12 - 23

*Sign-ups begin Oct. 7

Session 4

Oct. 26 - Nov. 6

*Sign-ups begin Oct. 21

Boy Scout Merit Badge Classes

Space is limited, so come in & register today!

Swimming Merit Badge

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, or Dec. 5

Lifesaving Merit Badge

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, or Dec. 12

First Aid Merit Badge

Sept. 17, Oct. 22, or Nov. 19

CPR Merit Badge

Sept. 15, Oct. 20, or Nov. 17

Discount if you register for swimming and lifesaving at the same time

Small & Tall Ice Skating (Tot & Parent Classes)

This class combines parents & children ages 3 to 5 for learning basic skating with an emphasis on FUN!

Fall Session 1

Fridays 11:45am - 12:30pm
Sept. 4, 11, 25, & Oct. 2, 9, 16

Fall Session 2

Fridays 11:45am - 12:30pm
Oct. 23, 30, & Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

Learn to Skate

(Ice Skating & Hockey)

Learn to skate on our new Olympic size ice arena. All ages and levels welcome.

Fall LTS Session 1

Tues. 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & Oct. 6
or

Wed. 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, & Oct. 7
or

Saturdays 10:00am - 10:45am
Sept. 5, 12, 26, & Oct. 3, 10, 17

Last Day of the Outdoor Pool

Monday, Sept. 7 from 12 noon to 5:00pm.
Join us for a great holiday weekend!

Open Plunge Swim Hours

Fall Schedule begins Tuesday, Sept. 8. (Lap swimming also available - call for times or visit our website.)



Splash Zone

Mon./Wed.

10:00am - 1:00pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Tues./Thurs.

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Fri.

12noon-4:00pm
7:00pm - 9:00pm

Sat.

12 noon - 8:00pm

Sun.

12 noon - 4:00pm

Specialty Pool

Mon./Wed.

12 noon-2:00pm

Fri.

12 noon - 4:00pm

Mon.-Fri.

7:00pm - 9:00pm

Sat.

12 noon - 8:00pm

Sun.

12 noon - 4:00pm

Racing/Diving Pools

Mon.-Fri.

7:00 pm - 9:00pm

Sat.

1:00 pm - 8:00pm

Sun.

1:00 pm - 4:00pm

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